

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature. Can I ask a question of Senator Lewis?

SENATOR R. LEWIS: Certainly.

SENATOR CULLAN: How does...this does not require that an individual who works in a rescue unit would have to have this type of training, does it?

SENATOR R. LEWIS: No sir, it's entirely permissive, Senator Cullan. It's just advanced beyond the customary 81 hour EMT training we presently have. I'm glad you brought this point up because this training will be offered in components so that if there are certain squad members that want to be more proficient in one type of rescue work that can be made available to them and that they will not have to be proficient in the entire spectrum in order to qualify. Now this meets the full approval and we did, incidentally have hearings in Scottsbluff and we had several physicians from your area. They indicated a real desire for this type of legislation.

SENATOR CULLAN: Ok, thank you very much, Senator.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Your name appears on the microphone to your left rather than your right.

SENATOR KAHLE: Would you rather have me use that one?

PRESIDENT: No, no.

SENATOR KAHLE: The only reason I use this one is because the man next to me is taller and it works better.

PRESIDENT: It also keeps him away from the microphone, too.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. President, members of the body. I have worked some with this sort of thing in my own area and did attend some of the hearings Senator Lewis is speaking of and I believe it's a needed thing in all areas of Nebraska but especially in some. One thing I would want to point out that these paramedics will be working under the supervision of doctors on a radio contact basis. They will not be doing things that are contrary to what the doctor might want. I think this is a needed thing in our areas out in my part of the state and probably all over. I urge you to advance this bill. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Dworak.

SENATOR DWORAK: I have a question of Senator Lewis, if he'll yield and I've just been visiting with him back here. For the record it would be good to bring this out. I don't understand why we have an A bill on this particular bill. My copy is distorted so that I can't read it, but I guess the question number one is how much money are we...do we have to expend in order to have an A bill? Isn't it \$50,000?

PRESIDENT: We have an A bill here, don't we Mr. Clerk? What's the A bill for?